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those involved in his publication worldwide, and to take firm action to ensure that these threats are withdrawn.

Where were all these top world class writers when Kilgallen, Savitch, Dick Wright, Mae Brussell and so many other AMERICAN writers were killed for writing their truths? The ayatollah is a red herring.

Judith

Thousands of literary figures around the world have put their names to this statement. These are some of them:

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Statement

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all Muslims to seek out and execute Salman Rushdie in its publication worldwide.
to freedom of opinion and expression and
s, declare that we also are involved in the

the book or not. We appreciate the distress the
ted with the ensuing conflict.

people to express their ideas and beliefs and to
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